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Student proposes during halftime

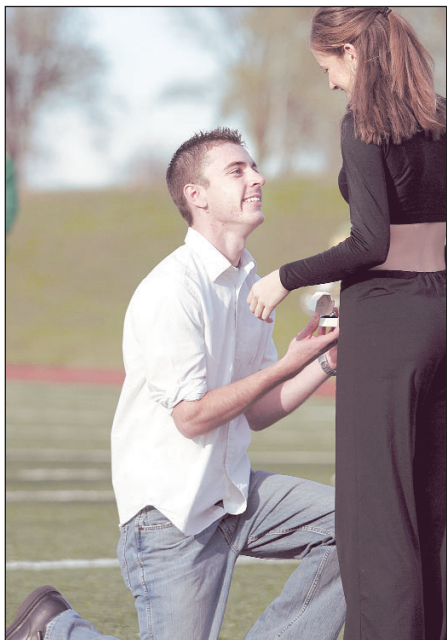
By Hallie Hocker

Staff writer

Dance team member Stephanie McLaughlin stood on the 50-yard line as a picture of a heart pumped on the screen during the halftime of the football game Nov. 6. While the words, “Stephanie, Caleb has a question for you...” scrolled across the scoreboard, Stephanie’s boyfriend, Caleb Head, ran up behind her to surprise her at center field.

Caleb said the first thing Stephanie said to him when she turned around was, “You’re dead.”

After some conversation between the two, Caleb got on one knee and brought out a white box containing a ring with as many diamonds as Stephanie’s favorite number. He then asked Stephanie in front of a stadium full of family, friends and football fans, if she would marry him. The crowd cheered when they saw her say,



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Caleb Head proposed to his girlfriend Stephanie McLaughlin during halftime at the Nov. 6 football game.

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Andy Tevis/The Chart

The newly engaged couple receives congratulatory hugs from friends and family members after leaving the field.



Smokers talk about society’s view

By Melissa Dunson

Diversions Editor

In the last 20, years a once popular pastime has gone from cool to crude through lawsuits and exposé health reports.

Despite all the research about smoking’s harmful effects and how it kills more than 440,000 people in the United States each year, still an estimated 4.6 million, or 22.5 percent of adults, continue to partake in the habit and think they have reasons for their actions.

Iana Vladimirova, senior accounting major, recently quit after smoking for several years. She thinks American society is discriminating against smok-

ers and cites the fact many educational establishments in Europe provide specified smoking rooms for students and faculty. Missouri Southern prohibits smoking in any University buildings and asks students to not smoke within 15 feet of the buildings.

“It’s bad, but it’s not illegal,” Vladimirova said.

Tyler Coble, senior psychology major and current smoker, thinks it is the trend in society is focusing more on nonsmokers.

“It’s not necessarily a discrimination, because that’s more something you can’t help,” Coble said. “I think it’s just a growth in the demand for respect for nonsmokers.”

For a once national pastime and celebration of rebellious independence shared by such stars as James Dean and Dean Martin, smoking has come under intense pressure from the government and a large percentage of the U.S. population. Many nonsmokers have begun exercising their freedoms by vocally expressing their disapproval for the tobacco users around them.

Many smokers don’t appreciate the nonsmoking population’s newly found voice.

“I appreciate the concern,” Coble said. “But it’s not like they’re telling me something I don’t already know.

TURN TO **SMOKING**, PAGE 12

Recreation center waits for answers to questions

By David Haut

Managing Editor

After consultations, deliberations and surveys last semester, Missouri Southern has many steps left to take before building a recreation center.

Last semester, representatives from RDG and Brailsford and Dunlavey architectural firms came to Southern to discuss the possibility of constructing a rec center on campus.

Following the visit, the firm sent out a campus-wide survey. The survey asked students what they would like to see in a rec center, as well as possible locations for a rec center and what size to make it - larger, smaller or no building at all.

“Over 70 percent [of students] said they would go with the larger building,” said Darren Fullerton, director of campus recreation and wellness.

The architects then made a return to campus to meet with the Board of Governors to discuss the results of the survey in June.

Recently, the topic has resurfaced within the Board, and discussions have once again focused on plans for a rec center.

“We are in the process of getting a feel for what other institutions have,” said University President Julio León. “The facilities we do have get heavily used by the athletics program, which tends to crowd students out. That’s what prompted the Student Senate and other groups to say ‘we need a facility that is just for the students.’”

The Campus Activities Board was one of the student organizations to meet with the architects during their visit in January.

“I know we need it,” said Julie Blackford, director of student activities. “We’re a university now. We need to step it up.”

León said the project could cost around \$14 million to \$15 million. With a cost that high, with no help from the state or possible donations, the Board estimated a \$145 fee to students to help fund the project.

León said any fee of more than \$100 to students was too much for students to pay, especially with rising tuition costs.

Representatives from the architectural firms brought a detailed report

TURN TO **CENTER**, PAGE 11

Departments use evaluations to help instructors improve classes, methods

By Monique Jamerson

Public Forum Editor

Student evaluation forms are not used to have a faculty member fired but to encourage them to improve in the evaluated areas.

The evaluations are broken up into areas of teaching, professional activities and campus services.

Dale Simpson, English and philosophy department head said he can usually tell if a student has the intentions of getting a faculty member fired.

“In this department, we have nine areas that are written responses and from this I can translate what the student is trying to convey,” Simpson said.

Nick Kyle, art department head, said

evaluations are important, but they are not the only tools used to evaluate a faculty member.

Simpson said the evaluation process continues with the department head and the dean.

“If there is a reoccurring problem, then we sit down with the faculty member and discuss the results of the evaluation,” Simpson said. “I then give them a time period to correct the problem.”

Simpson said he has had to terminate a teaching position due to the fact the faculty member could not meet the requirements in the time given.

“In all honesty, you have to be really bad to get fired,” he said. “We are really fair when it comes evaluations

because they can be unfair and inaccurate.”

Simpson said he thinks the evaluations help because it gives the faculty member a chance to correct what the students see as a problem.

Kyle said when he gives the evaluation he asks students to be fair, honest and accurate because it improves the quality of the evaluation process.

“If the evaluations are poor, they have until the next year to improve and continue teaching,” Kyle said.

Amanda Wyman, sophomore elementary education major, said the evaluations work when the questions are clear.

“Sometimes it is a little difficult to understand what the question wants,” Wyman said.

Kyle said he thinks there should be a

mentoring system for new faculty members.

“I think a good professor should be placed with an incoming instructor,” he said. “You don’t have to be a good teacher to be a great orator.”

Dr. Jay Moorman, communication department head, said he thinks student evaluations help.

“I use evaluation forms to make our faculty better,” Moorman said.

He said the evaluations are only part of the communication department’s evaluation process as well.

“The form is only a statistical score, but I look at every single one of them,” he said.

Moorman said faculty members are allowed to read their evaluations as a form of improvement. Faculty members

do not view the evaluations until grades have been recorded and turned in for that semester.

Shawna Nelson, sophomore business management major, said she believes the evaluations work.

“I think the evaluations work but sometimes I feel that they fail to do the job,” Nelson said.

She said sometimes she believes the evaluations are ignored but not in all circumstances.

“I have evaluated an instructor and then had the same instructor in a different class, and I can honestly say that I saw a change in the way the class was taught,” she said.

Kyle said an instructor must enjoy the interaction with other students and genuinely enjoy the teaching process.

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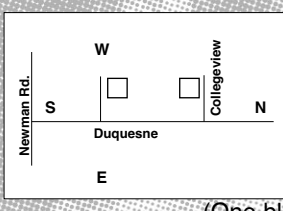
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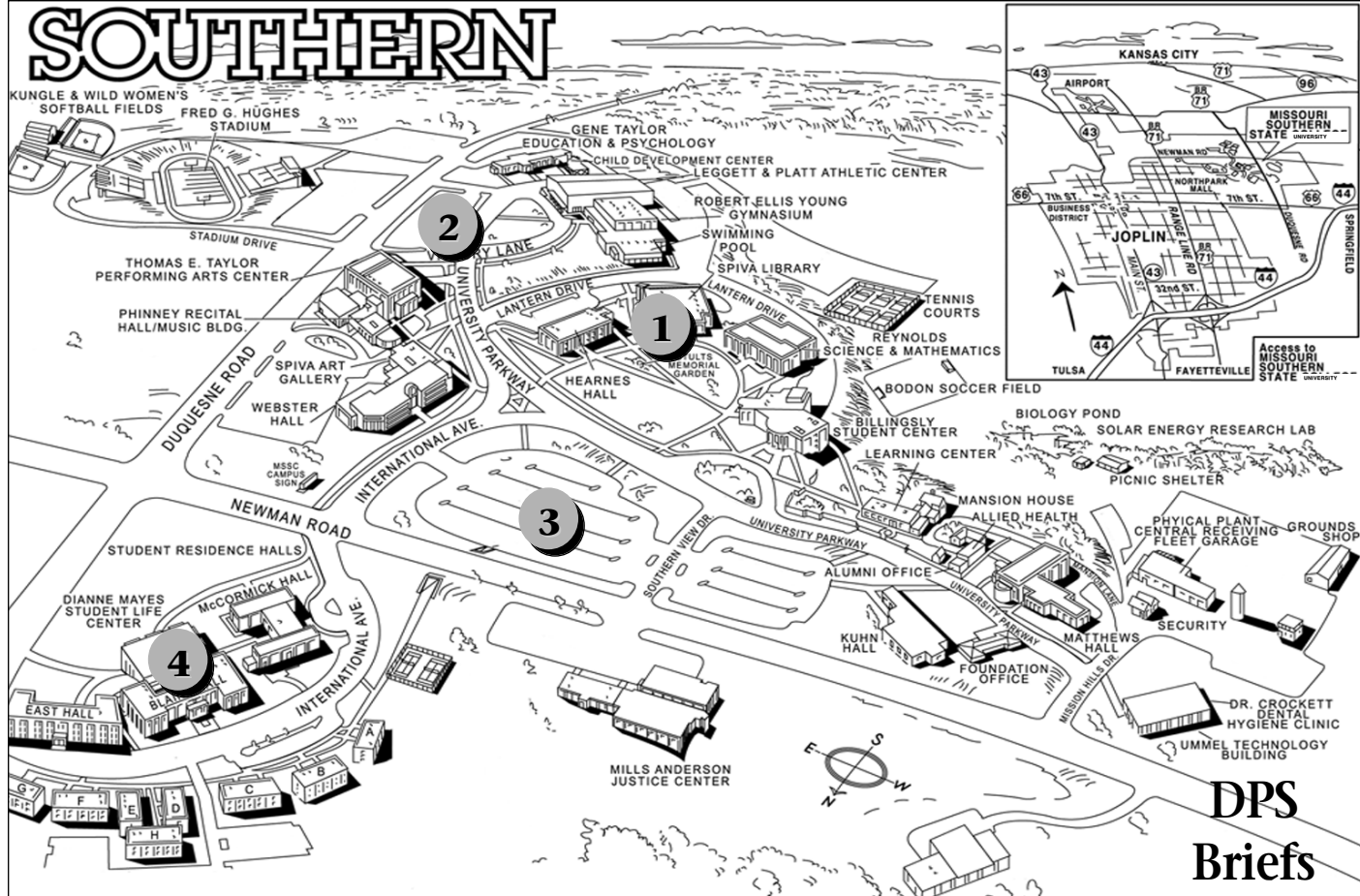
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DPS Briefs

Hub cap stolen from parked vehicle

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10/27/2004	10/28/2004	10/29/2004	11/2/2004
5:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	8:50 a.m.	11:40 a.m.
A Department of Public Safety officer was dispatched to Spiva Library in reference to a male subject viewing pornography.	DPS was contacted after a student had parked her vehicle overnight in lot 14. The vehicle had the passenger side window broken out.	DPS was contacted after a person reported having the right front hub cap pried from his vehicle. The incident happened in lot 39.	A DPS officer was contacted to the Student Life Center in regards to a stolen Play Station 2.
The officer arrived and found the subject looking at naked women on the computers in the first floor of the library.	The subject's purse, make-up kit and part of a CD collection had been taken.	The value of the chrome hub was estimated at \$75.	The gaming system is among four in the SLC. The systems were in a locked storeroom, but when the room was checked, one was missing.
The officer asked the subject to step outside where the officer asked for identification. The subject was not a student of Missouri Southern. The subject is banned from campus.	JPD was contacted. The value of the items was estimated between \$350 and \$400.		

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Campus Calendar

To place your event or announcement, contact The Chart at 625-9311 or chart@mssu.edu

Carrillo makes top speaker despite losing in quarterfinals

The Missouri Southern debate squad competed in the 2004 Missouri Mule speech and debate tournament at Central Missouri State University. Schools from six states with 22 debaters in the division competed.

Senior Wes Carrillo lost with a 2-1 decision in the quarterfinal round. Carrillo, was however, the top speaker during the tournament.

During the first week of December, the squad will go to Ohio State University and Otterbein College for dual-swing tournaments.

Messiah rehearsals open to area residents who enjoy singing

Community residents who can come to rehearsals and enjoy singing are invited to be a part of Handel's *Messiah* at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14 in the Taylor Performing Arts Center.

The community concert is directed by Bud Clark.

The rehearsals are at 2 p.m. every Sunday starting Nov. 14 in Music Room 222.

The Novela/Shaw edition of the work will be used. Singers interested should pick up a copy of this edition.

For more information contact Clark at 625-9562.

Voice majors in recital slated for eighth-annual performance

The eighth-annual voice majors in recital will be at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 18 in Webster Hall auditorium.

Thirty singers will perform during the night. They will be performing scenes from theater and musical shows in English.

Dr. Susan Smith, associate professor of Music, is the director.

The public is welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Smith at 625-3048.

Several local counties approve next firearms training course

The next firearms safety course has been scheduled for 8 a.m. Nov. 20 in the Anderson Justice Center. The training course has been approved for Barton, Jasper, Lawrence,

McDonald and Newton County residents.

Participants must be 23 years or older, be a U.S. citizen and either have lived in the state for six months or be stationed here as a member of the Armed Forces, undergo a state and federal background check and pay a \$100 fee for a three-year permit before they can obtain a concealed-carry permit in the state of Missouri.

To register and prepay, or for more information, contact Brenda Norman at 625-9328.

Coat drive readies to warm up donation bins in area stores

The OfficeMax/United Way coat drive is beginning Nov. 14 and running through Nov. 27.

The OfficeMax store on Seventh Street and Range Line Road will be taking coats to distribute to people in need through the United Way during the holiday season.

Other OfficeMax stores in the Four State region will be taking coats as well.

Any customer who donates a coat will receive a ream of paper.

For more information, contact the United Way of Southwest Missouri at 624-0153.

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Students left cold after water heater dies

By Noelle Ott
Staff Writer

Cold water has many good uses, except when it's all that's coming from a shower head. That's what happened to students living in the residence halls on Oct. 27. The students in the on-campus apartments, except those in the Stone Hall, found themselves without hot water when the only domestic hot water supply boiler died. Deb Gibson, director of housing, and a team from the physical plant

went to work to try to mend get the problem. The physical plant called around to find a new boiler, but they did not find one within the Four State area. The closest compatible boiler was in El Paso, Texas and would take about three or four days to arrive. This caused an immediate problem for Gibson, who still had residents stuck taking cold showers. "It became our top priority," said Tim Dodge, facilities planner for the physical plant. Meanwhile, Gibson did what she could to temporarily find a solution

for students who were without hot water. She called in the resident directors, and they decided to inform the students of what was taking place. They also decided to allow the men from the apartments to use Blaine Hall's facilities and the women from the apartments to use those in McCormick Hall. That plan was only temporary. The physical plant had to find a way to permanently fix the water heater problem. They decided the best they could do for the time being was to use a boiler

that was located on the top floor of Billingsly Student Center. However, it was smaller than the previous one and they worried it might not be able to keep up. "The physical plant guys worked their fingers to the bone to get it done," Gibson said. Their hard work paid off as the smaller boiler was able to handle the load. With the smaller boiler, the apartment residents were able to have hot water again by Oct. 29 — two days after the water went out. The small boiler filled in for the limited time.

The quick remedy gave the physical plant time to order the new boiler. They are planning to use the smaller one as a backup. The physical plant team as well as residents hall directors hope this will stop this problem from returning in the future. Gibson was relatively pleased with the cooperation of everyone and with the solution that was found. "Everyone was wonderful," Gibson said. "I can not say enough about how wonderful our students were. Not one came to my office to complain."

International Club receives funds for trip

By Nate Billings
Executive Editor

With several organizations not using their full allocations, Student Senate gained \$800 for its budget on Nov. 10. During the Nov. 3 meeting, senators allocated \$800 to two organizations. The Russian Club received \$200 and the Respiratory Therapy Club received \$600. The Nov. 10 meeting opened with \$10,305. The Finance/Investment Club made a request, but the finance committee recommended zero dollars. Kelli Friga, Senate treasurer, said the club did not provide enough information to merit a recommendation. During the Nov. 10 meeting, the Finance/Investment Club came back with another request. This time, the Senate suspended the rules to hear the presentation. The request was for a trip to New York City to study the stock exchange.

Again, the finance committee recommended zero dollars because of the lack of information provided by the organization. Eric Ducommun, senate president said there were several errors on the original request, but on the second request, there was not enough information to determine an allocation.

The Senate motioned to allocate zero dollars during the Nov. 3 meeting and during the Nov. 10 meeting, it motioned to have the club return with more information.

The International Club also received \$400 during the Nov. 10 meeting for a trip to Silver Dollar City.

Rahila Kahn, Senate vice-president and president of the club, said the trip would allow international students to experience American culture.

Ducommun also encouraged senators to fill out the Outstanding Teacher Award forms. "It's one way to give back to an instructor who has made an impact in your life during the past semester," he said.

Adam Griffin, Senate advisor, also encouraged senators to go to Casino Night later in the evening.

Three positions are now available on Senate. The Senate meeting with University President Julio León will be on Nov. 17.

The first 15 minutes of the meeting will be dedicated to regular business. The latter half of the meeting will be dedicated to asking León questions of concern to the students.

Amber Hemphill, Senate secretary, said León has not made a decision on painting the red bridges in front of Webster Hall.

She will ask León about the issue during the question-and-answer session.

Also during the Nov. 17 meeting, a resolution for a disc-golf course will be discussed.

All meetings are open to the public at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the House of Lords room on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center.



Eric Ducommun
Student Senate president



Andy Tevis/The Chart

Robert Metcalf, senior English major, spot mops Webster Hall during his daily routine. He earns extra money working as a custodian.

KEEPING THINGS CLEAN

Familiar custodian shares his passion for life with campus

By Melissa Dunson
Diversions Editor

Keeping the campus of Missouri Southern clean is a dirty job, but someone's got to do it.

Students and faculty may not know Robert (Bob) Metcalf by name, but they see his work all around.

For the past three and a half years, Metcalf has worked as a custodian in Webster Hall.

Although easily recognized by his ready smile and friendly banter, most people know little about the man they see every day sweeping the steps, or his reasons for being there.

"It's all about making another buck," Metcalf said. "If I make enough money doing work study, I don't have to get another job."

Metcalf is studying English at Southern.

He will graduate in December with his Associate's degree and will return to the campus for one more semester and graduate with a Bachelor's degree in May 2005.

While some may find custodial work unsatisfying, Metcalf, finds enjoyment in small things like the interaction with other students while sweeping the steps.

"I have people come down here

"It's all about making another buck."

Robert Metcalf
Senior English
Major/Custodian



Andy Tevis/The Chart

Metcalf can usually be found talking to students while sweeping up.

all the time who know me by my first name, and I have no idea who these people are," he said.

Gary Compton has been working as a custodian in Webster Hall since the building opened 14 years ago.

He has worked with Metcalf during the past three and a half years and said his friendly nature can sometimes get him into trouble.

"We made a sign to hang around his neck," Compton said. "The sign says 'Bob is busy, do not bother him.' He is a dandy."

Metcalf takes his love for life into other areas besides his work. His great passion is writing and he aspires to be a science fiction

writer. Metcalf said with his "bizarre" personality and sense of humor, his colleagues have compared him to famous horror novelist Steven King, which he said he doesn't mind.

He is joined in his academic endeavors by his wife, who is also an English student at Southern hoping to go into technical writing.

Metcalf said he loves being with his wife and in the 17 years they have been married, they have only been in a couple of arguments.

"We disagree without being disagreeable," he said. "We sit down and talk."

Other family members include

four children and three grandchildren.

Metcalf is a family man and said he loves being with his grandchildren and spends all the time he can with them.

Metcalf enjoys life, whatever curve ball it throws him and hopes his joy infects the people he comes into contact with every day.

There are many things still unknown about the friendly custodian perpetually sweeping the steps and he wants other people to realize that.

"I'm still working on Zelda [for Nintendo] 64," he said. "And I'm not quite there yet, but ... I'll get there."

Forum discusses limited fossil fuels, energy conservation

By Monique Jamerson
Public Forum Editor

People are looking for ways to save money at the gas pump.

Efficient use of fossil fuels and the environment were the topics discussed at the Value's Forum panel discussion.

There were about 30 people present to receive information and give it.

"We complain that gas prices are too high, yet we go out and buy a gallon of Dasani bottled water tapped in Texas that costs eight dollars," said Dr. John Knapp, professor of geophysics. "I think this is a social problem."

The panel discussion was held at 2 pm Nov. 10 in the Billingsly Student Center.

The discussion was held by four professors and was supported by several students and other faculty members.

The discussion introduced ways to conserve energy and efficiently use fossil fuels.

Knapp said hybrid cars would be a smart way to use energy more efficiently.

"People don't want to buy hybrid cars because they cost too much, hmmm, it's obvious they haven't done the math," Knapp said.

Knapp said there are a lot of creative

things that could be used that does not involve oil, corn for example.

Dr. Michael Fletcher, associate professor biology, disagrees with efficiency. He believes conserving the resources is the best way to handle the limited amount of fossil fuels.

"One day we will wake up and gas will be so high that students won't be able to afford driving to Missouri Southern," Fletcher said.

Fletcher said an alternative plan needs to be put into effect so when the resources run out there will be something that will take its place.

Dr. Richard LaNear, professor of economics and financing, said pursu-

ing more nuclear power would begin the process in solving the oil problem.

"I agree that the oil prices will be so high that no one will be able to afford it, but I also believe that we will find others ways of transportation," LaNear said.

Michael Kennedy, assistant professor of environmental health, said better care should be taken care of the resources that are available.

"President Bush has talked about clean energy. When are we going to see this?" Kennedy said. "Let's work on capturing the wind."

One student said she enjoyed the panel discussion and is interested in

learning about the environment and how it really affects other people.

"There are many different ways to deal with the oil problem but it takes a group of us to come together and speak out about the things that bother us," said Yvette Bowden, sophomore secondary education major.

"I think these meetings allow people to ask questions that they have always wanted to have answered," Bowden said.

Bowden said the thing she enjoyed the most about the panel discussion was the fact that it was made up of different professors who came together for a good cause.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



University needs rec center

With a goal of reaching 10,000 students enrolled, Missouri Southern needs a facility such as the proposed student recreation center.

When prospective students visit the campus, they want to see something that will catch their attention and make them want to come here. Many of these students are interested in the availability of workout facilities, weight rooms and recreational facilities. All of these would be available in one building if this rec center were built.

Thankfully, the Board of Governors has accepted a resolu-

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tion passed by the Student Senate and has begun looking into feasible options for a rec center at Southern.

One of the primary concerns for the administration is the cost to students. Because Southern has the lowest price for tuition in the state and the lowest fees, the administration would like to keep them that low.

While low cost is attractive to prospective students, it alone will not bring more students to the University. The campus would defi-

nately benefit from an attractive rec center with up-to-date and readily-available equipment.

Although Leggett & Platt Athletic Center is open to all students at certain times, those times do not coincide with many students schedules. Also, Leggett & Platt is not conveniently located for residence hall students. Many commuter students do not realize the Student Life Center's weights exist or that they are available for all students to use.

A centrally located rec center would benefit all Southern students, as well as the faculty, staff and the community.

Campus Voice By MONIQUE JAMERSON

Does Southern need a student rec center?



“Yes, because we are paying students, and we should have the facilities available to us for our convenience.”

Chasity Kilpatrick
Freshman
Dental Hygiene
Major



“Yes, because it is an inconvenience for students to have to find somewhere else to work out if they don't just like weightlifting. They need a variety.”

Christina Ahmed
Sophomore
Sociology
Major



“I think a recreational center would create a healthy lifestyle for students and would help some of us shed those unfortunate freshman 15.”

Darin Shirley
Freshman
Psychology
Major



“Yes, because it is a major inconvenience to have to park in resident parking, and I think they should have a facility for both commuters and on-campus students.”

Jennifer McMillian
Sophomore
Radiology
Major



“I don't really care because I am involved in so many activities outside of school that I would not have time to participate if there were one.”

Russ Kaminsky
Freshman
CIS
Major

Editor's Column

Pornography destroys healthy perception of men, women

We all know it exists. We all know someone who has it. And we all know where to find it. But no one wants to talk about it. Pornography is an uncomfortable subject, but our unwillingness to talk about it is aiding in its continuation.

By definition, pornography deindividualizes and dehumanizes sexual acts by eliminating all the contexts and reduces people simply to bearers of impersonal sensations of pleasure and pain.

The most serious impact of pornography is on society's view of women



Melissa Dunson
Diversions Editor

because it actually promotes inequality between men and women. It presents a degrading and dehumanizing portrayal of women. By its very nature it requires that women be subordinate to men and mere instruments for the fulfillment of male fantasies. This denies that women are independently human or have a status equal to that of men.

Pornography perpetuates lies about women's sexuality by asserting the idea that a woman's sexual life is or ought to be subordinate to the service of men and that her pleasure consists in pleasing men and not herself.

Pornography makes real abuse more tolerable by portraying women as deserving or almost enjoying rape or any sadomasochistic activity. Repeated exposure to pictures or descriptions of especially rape and incest desensitizes

anyone who sees it and not only creates hardened sex offenders, but an entire nation that sits in tolerance of sexual abuse as the norm. Studies have shown that the “tolerance for pornographic representations of the rape, bondage and torture of women helps to create and maintain a climate more tolerant of the actual physical abuse of women.”

Women aren't the only casualties, pornography also has serious effects on men. As I already said it can encourage them to commit violent sexual crimes. In a study polling violent sexual offenders, one third claimed to have at least occasionally been incited to commit an offense by exposure to one or other types of sexual materials. It can also prevent men from fully enjoying a legitimate sexual experience by desensitizing them to sexual stimulus through

satiation thus requiring them move ever closer to hard-core porn to produce the same result.

Viewing pornography is just as degrading for men who view it as the women who star in it. Scholars have asserted that “pornography undermines the self-esteem of men as well as women, arguing that it is degrading for men to view women as lesser beings and thus to perpetuate the same hatred that brings racism to society.”

Pornography has a negative impact on the way women view themselves and causes them to feel inadequate to these unrealistic pornographic females. The measurements of the perfect female, 38-22-34, are realistically impossible. The average slender male between the age of 16-26 has a waist of 26-27 inches and a two month old baby has a waist of

16-17 inches. This convinces women they are nothing but sex toys, devoid of emotion or desire whose sole purpose is the satisfaction of the man.

Some people will try to argue that pornography is simply an expression of the first amendment's right to free speech but the U.S. Constitution prohibits what is obscene and pornography is clearly obscene as it has almost no plot or story and no artistic worth.

As long as we keep rewarding young girls for being sexy objects, we can expect to see many females turn to pornography, prostitution and other forms of sexploitation to stay alive or even to earn prestige and social acceptance.

Melissa Dunson is the Diversions Editor for The Chart. Her opinions are her own and do not necessarily reflect those of The Chart staff.

Letters

College students forget manners, show disrespect

I know college is a huge difference from high school, but have manners really changed? In high school, we aren't allowed to get our things together, stand up and talk to our classmates while the teacher is still talking. In college, this happens all the time. It's disrespectful not only to the students who are still trying to listen to the instructor, but it's very disrespectful to the instructor. Just because you don't want to hear your instructor, doesn't mean everyone in class is like you.

I've also witnessed firsthand the code of not holding a door open for the person behind you. Students walk in a building, let go of the door so that it either hits the person behind or it almost hits them. Doors don't give; they hurt people. I have opened doors and held them, but instead of hearing “Thank you,” I get

nothing — no eye contact, no smile, no nothing. How rude.

I was testing these manners with my husband at home. Id you know it only takes two seconds to say “Thank you?” Did you know it takes less than a minute to hold open a door? Did you know it takes less than two minutes gather your things up and walk out of the class after the instructor is done?

I realize I'm old enough to be your mother, but when I went to school, we used our manners. If rudeness was shown there was a long lecture to come or maybe a visit to the principal's office. Manners are manners, no matter the generation. What harm would it do to show politeness? How much out of your busy schedule can it take to show manners and respect to your fellow classmates and instructors?

Start your day, every day, by showing respect to all you meet. Try saying “Thank You” a lot. At the end of the day

you will feel better about yourself, I promise.

Susie Wilson
Joplin

Student thanks University staff, students for support

Reflecting on being a college student for the past nine years, I never thought I would attain a degree. Back in 1995, I was excited to start my path to higher education. From 1995-1997, I was a Missouri Southern State College student. From there I felt compelled to attend Ozark Christian College. After two and a half years, a semester off and loosing more than 30 credit hours in retransferring, I returned to Missouri Southern State University.

Since spring 2001, it has been a long struggle to find my niche. When my long desire for a program for Public Relations appeared, I jumped on the bandwagon.

Along with other PR students, in 2003 the Southern chapter for the Public Relations Student Society of America was birthed. I have gained so much insight and passion for building and maintaining relationships with people. My passion burned brighter with my internship with Career Services and volunteering for the United Way. With God's guidance, I definitely thank him for getting me to my current position. I would also like to personally thank current and former faculty, staff and students of Southern for believing in me and supporting me the past nine years. As of December 2004, I am the first member of my immediate family to receive a degree. It is very difficult as I type these words while the joyful tears roll down my face. Southern has become a special part of my life, which I will remember for a lifetime.

Robert E. Moss
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History major finds home at Southern



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Aaron Divine, senior history major, researches materials for his classes on a microfilm machine at Spiva Library.

Neosho native seeks to finish degree in Joplin before heading off on grad school road trip

By **Ryan Hughes**

Chart Reporter

After high school, finding the right college isn't always easy.

For senior history major Aaron Divine, it took three schools to finally find a home.

Divine finished high school at Neosho and decided to stay nearby and go to Crowder College. After two years, he decided to move to Fayetteville and attend the University of Arkansas. One year later, he decided to move back home to finish at Missouri Southern.

"Out of the three schools, Southern was the best for my major," Divine said. "But I will miss the great atmosphere in Arkansas, mainly the chicks."

Divine has been attending Southern for the past two and a half years and plans to graduate at the end of this semester.

"The history courses here are great, especially history research class," he said.

Divine was given a range of choices to choose from in his research class and decided to choose author Hunter S. Thompson as the subject.

The project was 27 pages due at the end of the semester.

"It was definitely stressful, but satisfying all at the same time," Divine said. "Thompson is my idol. His writing is brilliant and always seems to inspire me."

There have been many teachers that Divine has had during his college career, but he said one seems to stand out in particular.

"Dr. Wagner has been the biggest influence on me and has become a great friend," Divine said. "I wish I could have had him for every class."

After graduating from Southern, Divine said he plans to substitute teach for a while, then take a long road trip.

"I was thinking on heading up to Chicago, then to Tennessee, Florida and New Orleans," Divine said.

Divine then plans on attending a graduate school. He hopes to find one during the road trip.

"It wasn't always easy to find the right place for me," he said. "But when it is all said and done, I am proud that I chose Missouri Southern and I am proud to graduate from here."

Student pursues art degree after taking two-year hiatus

By **Melissa Cunningham**

Chart Reporter

An unexpected journey led one senior to graduation.

Elizabeth Fiedler, senior art major, has been attending Missouri Southern Since 1995. Fielder had a two-year intermission after her son, Alex, was born. She explored several fields of study before deciding on her final major.

"I started out as an English major, because I loved to read," Fielder said.

After traveling through the English department, she made stops in psychology, education and sociology before settling in the art department.

Fielder took her first art class when an interest in the basic form class arose.

She enjoyed the challenge even though her idea of what the class was and the actual curriculum was different.

"Professor [Dewane] Hughes encouraged me to continue to investigate art," she said.

She said this encouragement put her on a road with many curves. Her support system is what kept her going.

"[The experience was] like when you're spinning your wheels, because you can't see the big-

ger picture for a minute," Fiedler said.

Fielder said she was unprepared for college. She said being a troubled teen left her with an incomplete education. She had not taken all the same classes as the average high school student.

Those who she turned to for advice told her to go to a vocational or a trade school. Fiedler said she applied to Southern just to prove herself to those doubting her.

"I overcame obstacles because I'm stubborn," she said. "I just kept pushing it. I wasn't willing to accept that I couldn't do it or I wasn't smart enough."

Fiedler admits she did not apply herself at first. She skipped her share of classes. When her son was born she found new incentive to do well in school.

"It became about both of us," she said.

Along the road of education, feminism has been a strong influence in Fiedler's life.

She said most people have a stereotypical view of feminism.

"People see it as angry women hating men, or that it's a bunch of women pissed off because women aren't represented in history, or women have been left out of history - which is part of it," Fielder said.

"I overcame obstacles because I'm stubborn. I just keep pushing it."

Elizabeth Fielder

Senior Art Major

She said she did not really know what feminism was when she began.

"Why I started out interested in it and why I'm interested now is kind of evolving," Fiedler said.

The last two years she has spent her time researching feminism, women's studies and women's history. She has come to believe that feminism is not sex based at all.

"My understanding of feminist theory, which is independent research, is under the present sys-

tem everybody suffers," she said. "It's not just about women. It's not about being against men. It's about everyone suffering under a system that is built on oppression. So, they should rename it, because feminism today isn't just about female rights."

Her art has been a medium she used to express her growth. She creates sculptures using her interest in feminism as a tool.

With all this, she still makes sure Alex is with her on this journey.

"I love just hanging out with him," Fiedler said. "We talk a lot. I like to read with him or color with him."

She sees the bumps and hills she has encountered as necessities to reach to the final destination.

In December, she is graduating with a bachelor's of art with an emphasis in studio art and a minor in psychology.

She is looking at graduate schools with the intention of getting a master's degree in women's studies.

Fiedler may continue to earn a Ph.D.

She is not limiting herself. Eventually she would like to end her journey by returning to Joplin.

Her goal is to teach at the college level.



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Jessica Regan, freshman undecided major, aspires to pursue her dream career as a recording engineer.

Music lover seeks reliable future plan

By **Bonnie Coose**

Chart Reporter

After discovering she had a brain tumor to finding out her mother is a lesbian, Jessica Ragan, a freshman undecided major, is no stranger to unexpected surprises.

"The doctors found my brain tumor while doing a routine checkup," she said. "And after a childhood of happy memories, my parents divorced due to my mom's lesbianism, which I never saw coming."

The tumor was located on the brain stem and she now has a four-inch scar from multiple surgeries to prove it. The tumor was found when she was in first grade.

After the surgeries, she spent time in both physical and speech therapy to learn how to walk and talk again. "By third grade I was caught back

up with my class," she said. "The doctors were all amazed."

When Ragan was in eighth grade, her mother came out as a homosexual, thus resulting in her parents divorce.

"It was definitely a tough time," she said. "But, I love my mom, and I always will, lesbian or not."

Ragan's mother now lives with a woman whom she calls her "wife." The other woman's children also live in the household, which is located in Ragan's hometown of Lamar.

Ragan takes her mother's alternative lifestyle in stride, and in many ways defends it.

"People think gays shouldn't have kids because the kids will be gay too," she said.

"That's ridiculous. I'm not gay. My mother has never pressured me to be gay. She knows how hard a

lifestyle it is, and she would never wish that kind of life on me, or anyone else."

Ragan's plans for the future include finishing out this year at Missouri Southern and then heading to Long Island, where she will attend the Audio Recording Technology Institute.

Ragan plays five instruments including drums and guitar. She has always loved for music.

"Since I was little I've wanted to do something in the music industry," she said. "Now I think I've found my place. I want to become a recording engineer."

For the time being, Ragan is content to hang out with her friends, relax, and enjoy her last months in Missouri.

"I feel like I'm just resting up before my life starts to get crazy," she said.

Nursing program, dancing keeps life's troubles stable

By **Ree-Ree Waterford**

Chart Reporter

Freshman Marquita Eberhart is a well-rounded student from St. Louis, striving to get into the nursing program at Missouri Southern.

"I always wanted to be a nurse because I like helping people and I feel it's always going to be a job for a nurse," Eberhart said. "There can never be too many nurses."

Eberhart had mixed feelings about going to college. She always knew she wanted to attend college, but she felt this was the wrong time. Although she had already waited a year after graduating from high school, she felt she needed to wait another semester.

"I had a sudden life change and I needed to get my life together," she said. "The road that I was traveling down was about to end pretty soon."

While she needed to come to school to change her life around, she would rather be at home with her family and friends.

"Coming from a big city to a small town was a dramatic change for me,"

Eberhart said. "There is no public transportation as for buses for me, and I don't have my own car yet."

Back home, a bi-state bus was Eberhart's main transportation. Without public transportation in Joplin, she must ask for rides or contact a cab.

In her spare time, Eberhart enjoys several activities.

She said she loves dancing, clubbing and listening to music. Out of the three, she said her favorite activity would be dancing.

Dancing is an activity she always enjoyed as a child. She is considering becoming a professional dancer.

"I love dancing so much," she said. "It relieves a lot of stress. Life is stressful, so if there's a cure as simple as dancing, then why not?"

Eberhart wants to be a backup dancer for celebrities or be in a movie that results in dancing.

Currently, Eberhart is taking several science classes to get into the nursing program at the University.

She said she always enjoyed science and the workload is not an issue.



"Funny Thing About Life"...

Tammy Pescatelli reads it, DO YOU?

Diversions



Local artists find body best canvas

By Melissa Dunson

Diversions Editor

The next door neighbor, postman, emergency room doctor, Mr. Rogers and your grandfather are all part of a growing culture consisting of millions of individuals infiltrating society.

The citizens of Joplin have no reason to fear this growing army of peaceful aliens, their common bond is borne from the ancient art of body modification, specifically piercings and tattoos.

Cory Sheppard, owner operator of Punkteur, a local tattoo and piercing parlor, said there is a whole culture of people bound together by their love for body modification. Conventions dedicated to this ancient art travel across the country bringing their culture with them.

"There's definitely a world of these people," Sheppard said. "There's millions of us all spread out."

Through society's growing acceptance of tattoos and piercings and the proliferation of body modification magazines like *Skin* and the online *Body Modification Ezine*, an increasing number of people are taking the plunge and getting the piercing or tattoo they have been dreaming about. Sheppard said the parlor's average customer age ranges from 18 to 35-years-old, but has worked on someone as old as 70-years-old who wanted Sheppard to touchup a tattoo from World War II.

Despite body modifications' growing popularity, Punkteur's staff thinks a strong stigma is still associated with the owners of visible tattoos and piercings.

"The shop creates a huge bubble," Sheppard said. "People walk in here and think we have all the coolest stuff, but if they saw me on the street, they wouldn't talk to me."

Sheppard attributes the attitudes to stereotypes and the fact most people are afraid of change.

"People won't even look you in the eye," said Derek Wieberg, tattoo artist apprentice at Punkteur.

Sheppard said the sad thing about those stereotypes is unless two people just really rub each other the wrong way, body modifiers are a welcoming and easygoing group.

"These are the nicest people you'll ever meet," Sheppard said. "It's those people who stop and say, 'Oh my god'

— nobody wants to hear that. They assume we're the crazy people because we put ourselves through pain, but we're just a bunch of artists."

Body modifiers consider themselves artists in the purest sense whose clientele are their walking canvases.

"I'm an artist anyway, the thing with art is though, most artists who draw on a canvas don't get to be famous until their dead," Sheppard said. "This is a little more sacred to me, it's living art."

Wieberg said his passion for tattoos started as a passion for art.

"I draw on everything, why not people," he said.

Besides copying pre-made designs from magazines or their design catalogs, the staff of Punkteur does custom work, originally created by the tattoo artists' minds. Sheppard said popular tattoos include hearts and butterflies on the lower back for women and tribal designs for men, but Sheppard said he gets bored of these popular designs, and when body modifiers get bored, they begin to practice their art on each other.

"I would much rather do custom work," he said. "Anytime we've got nothing going on and we're bored we start piercing and tattooing each other. I would get a tattoo from any of the people here."

Sheppard is happy to help his customers in any way he can and will tattoo any part of the body, but said as a matter of principle he won't do anything racist, hate based or that he feels is vulgarly offensive or thinks will ruin their life. He thinks it is a good tattoo artist's job to make sure the customer really understands the implications of the tattoo they are about to get and to intervene when necessary.

"Occasionally I make decisions for people," Sheppard said. "My favorite thing is to tell people that this tattoo will last them longer than the \$20,000 car they bought."

As for his tattoos, Sheppard said he doesn't and won't regret any of them because they all represent important things in his life.

"I'm putting everything on me I want to take with me to the grave, it's a map of me," he said. "The only reason to ever regret is because of other people's opinions, and I think I'm solid enough not to cave. This is between me and God."



Above, Anna "Banana" Little, tattoo artist at Punkteur, adds color to a client's tattoo. Left, Little demonstrates how big the one inch spacers in her ears really are by putting her thumb through her lobe. Below, Punkteur also offers a variety of facial and body jewelry ranging in size from 14 gauge to two inches.

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Left, Cory Sheppard, owner operator of Punkteur, shows one of his finished tattoos of an anchor on the inside of his elbow. Above, A tattoo artist's supplies include a tattoo machine, disposable wiping cloths, rinse water and dyes.

CAB contemplates mock male pageant for spring semester

By David Haut

Managing Editor

As the fall semester draws to a close, the Campus Activities Board is winding down its fall schedule.

CAB is planning a few small events to close the semester, such as a "wrap" party where students can wrap their Christmas presents. The event will take place on Dec. 7.

CAB members have already started planning events for the spring semester.

One idea was a "big man on campus" event,

which would have men, instead of women, competing for a mock pageant title.

A video of a similar event was provided by Graham Dickinson, senior finance major.

The video was a pageant put on by Cowley College, a junior college Dickinson had previously attended.

The event would have about 15 guys participating in a pageant-type event, with talent and evening wear competitions.

"The cool thing is, anything is a talent," Dickinson said.

It is estimated 15 to 17 guys could enter the

event, but it is still in the development stage.

Another proposed idea was a Ramen noodle cook-off. Students would compete for the best tasting Ramen noodle dish.

"We haven't totally thought about it, but we thought it would be fun. College students are infamous for eating Ramen noodles," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities.

Deterring from past semesters, CAB is thinking about having a series of comedians come to campus every month.

Members have contacted a number of comedians and are looking for about two more.

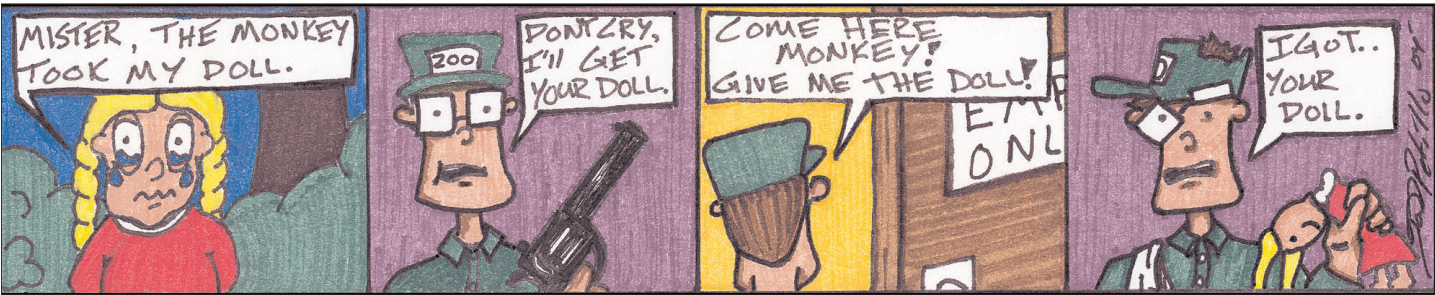
No comedians have been booked at this time, but plans to do so are close.

Blackford said the Board talked about having one act on the third Thursday of every month.

No plans have yet been submitted.

CAB is hosting a dollar day on Nov. 17 in the Lion's Den. Students will be able to purchase a hamburger, chips and a drink for a dollar. Proceeds would go to the United Way.

Anyone with ideas or interest in CAB is invited to attend the weekly meetings at 2 p.m. Wednesdays in the student activities office on the second floor of the Billingsly Student Center.



Funny Thing About Life...

David Haut

Managing Editor



It's good to be back. In case you haven't noticed, we took a week off. "Why," you ask. Well, we were celebrating. In case you didn't know, November is national Pancreatic Awareness Month, Pulmonary Hypertension Month, Recycling Month, Alzheimer's Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Awareness Month, Novel Writing Month, Kindness Month, Give Your University Newspaper Humor Columnist A Dollar Month, Toilet Paper Awareness Month and Peanut Butter Lover's Month, just to name a few.

So, I spent my week off celebrating the joys of peanut butter and toilet paper (but not at once) and making myself aware of recycling, kindness and various diseases (which deserve recognition and awareness.)

Seriously, I'm not making any of these up. These are nationally-recognized months of the year where people will sit for months and months every year waiting for those glorious 30 days where they can pay tribute and respect to a well-respected, well-deserved commodity — toilet paper.

I do think some people are abusing the system, though. For example, November is National Peanut Butter Lover's Month, while March is Peanut Lovers Month. How did that slip under the radar? After all the peanut hype, I decided to look into the process of how something can be nationally recognized during a month, or two. My exhaustive research, which was basically a search on askjeeves.com, led me to come to the following conclusion — people just make stuff up. I don't think it's someone's job to sit behind a desk and stamp "Approved" or "Denied" on an application like we see in the movies. If so, I would really like that job.

So, I've decided to make November National Anagram Month. All month long, we should make notice of weird names and titles and try and re-arrange them to make them look even weirder.

For example, toilet paper can be re-arranged to make 2,878 different words and phrases, such as 'a reptile pot' or the ever-obvious 'paper toilet'. No wonder it's nationally recognized.

November should also be national don't-skip-Thanksgiving-by-putting-all-the-Christmas-decorations-out-after-Halloween-month.

So, now that you're aware, get out there and enjoy some peanut butter, make some anagrams, or better yet, write an anagram novel and don't forget Thanksgiving or toilet paper.

And don't forget give your University newspaper humor columnist a dollar.

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Alfie remake provides life lessons

Review Corner

MELISSA DUNSON

Diversions Editor



He smokes too much, drinks too much and is a self-proclaimed womanizer, but somehow you can't bring yourself to hate him — that devilish smile is your undoing.

Jude Law is brilliant and positively delicious as Alfie, the hedonistic, happy-go-lucky European who moves to Manhattan to pursue his two great passions — "wine and women." Although, he points out, women and women is always an appealing option too. In *Alfie*, director Charles Shyler recreates the controversial 1966 movie starring Michael Caine based on the original play by Bill Naughton.

The story focuses on Alfie as he explains, through the clever use of monologue, his theories, tactics and experience with women.

Through a series of phenomenally bad decisions and sobering incidences, Alfie is forced to grow up and realize he can't continue living the same way he did when he was 20 years old, and he most certainly can't keep treating people the way he has.

The movie and its characters are dynamic and the movie is definitely intraspactive. As far as genres, it is hard to label, it's a funny, romantic, coming-of-maturity drama of sorts that will make you laugh, cry and everything in between.

Because the movie is based on a play, at least half

of the film is a narration of sorts, a dialogue between Alfie and the audience. This element helps you forgive Alfie for his many stupid mistakes, phenomenally bad decisions and the indiscretions with an endless stream of beautiful but insufficient women.

The film will make you want to analyze your self and all of your relationships and hopefully want to be a better, less shallow person. The movie is realistic in that it doesn't all end happily ever after. Alfie's friends don't offer immediate forgiveness or understanding just because one day Alfie wakes up, finally decides to stop being a jerk and realizes what's really important. Alfie still has to pay the consequences of his careless behavior and take deliberate steps to heal his relationships.

When the credits begin to roll, you're not even sure everything will be all right or that Alfie will ever really be happy, even though that's what the audience wants for him. Finally, his devilish smile can't get him out of everything. Regardless, the movie is redemptive and delightful.

Like the original, this film takes a strong, controversial pro-life stance that offers a sobering look at the realities of abortion and how many people are hurt by one decision.

It provides the unusual viewpoint of the man in the relationship and how it affects him and also gives some of the hard, but positive alternatives to abortion.

The film is rated R for strong sexual content, nudity, alcohol and drug use and some bad language.

No one under the age of 18 should see this film because of the strong sexual content and others must make their own choices about whether or not the redemptive quality of the ending is worth the crap you have to put up with to get there.

Clay minis show big style

By Melissa Dunson

Diversions Editor

A hairbrush, winter gloves, a can of soup: all things one can fit in a six-inch by three-inch by three-inch box. Other good things come in small packages too, at least during Spiva Center for the Arts' newest exhibit "Small Shapes, Big Impressions."

The exhibit is the 2004 version of the International Orton Cone Box Competition started by William Bracker, an art instructor at Purdue University, in the early '70s as a way to encourage and promote creativity and excellence in ceramic arts. The standard Orton cone box was chosen as the size limitation for entries. The boxes originally contained cones used to measure the temperature inside of a kiln during the firing process. The only other requirement is that the pieces must be at least 50 percent clay based.

"I think it's lovely and curious," said Barbara Garrett, a volunteer docent. "I didn't even know what a cone box was."

The competition has become a worldwide event including pieces from 28 countries, Puerto Rico and all 50 states. In the last four shows a total of 1,812 artists have submitted 2,950 ceramic art pieces for consideration. Entries are chosen for craftsmanship, creativity, imagination and aesthetic excellence in combination with the artists' understanding of the clay. The exhibit travels nationally and internationally for two years after being judged. The current exhibit's next stop is Anchorage.

"It's amazing someone looked at it and thought of using it for the size," Garrett said. "Who thinks up these things?"

The result of this unusual competition is 182 small ceramic pieces of art scattered around the center's main gallery on boxes, tables and stands. The eccentricity of the shape seems to have brought out the eccentricities in the artists and many of the pieces are abstract representations of everyday

objects and otherworldly scenes that speak volumes in such a compact space. The 2004 competition jurors, Janet Mansfield and Phil Rogers, wrote they think the size restrictions require more thought from the artists.

"This is a special show," they wrote. "The concepts are unique. A piece must stand up for its own on that small scale and not just be a miniature. We look for skill and imagination and how a person has a real understanding of the clay. We really enjoyed the process and are very pleased with the 2004 Cone Box Show."

These abstractly transformed objects include a host of teapots and cups with unfamiliar textures and shapes like cloud covered teacups with wings sitting on a piece of bark or the cobalt-colored "Posturing Teapot" and "Ovoid Jar," resembling a robin's egg. Some of the pieces are humanoid in form like "Nurture" and "Nourish," a pair of individually cupped hands imprinted with the words "hope" and "love" delicately holding small figures curled in the fetal position.

The piece "Symbol/Substance" is a skeletal hand and arm, intricate and realistic with fingernails included, that looks like it should be clutching something like a sword.

"Merdines & Crackers" consists of an empty seemingly tin can, lid peeled back and three small mermaids atop a bed of saltine crackers.

The exhibit lends itself to deep thought and poses the question of what the artist was trying to communicate with pieces like "Strength," which consists solely of four small, ornate hinged boxes.

Garrett said she thinks this is the true strength of the exhibit and everyone should participate in the subjectivity and creativity of the various artists' works.

"Anybody should come to any exhibit whether it's here or at the college or wherever," she said. "You learn so much just by going. You expand your little minds."



Above, "Sliced Apples" by Suzanne Kane of New Mexico is one of 182 pieces in the 2004 International Orton Cone Box Show. Right, "Jester with Hurdy Gurdy" by Elizabeth Maynard of the United Kingdom demonstrates the two competition criteria. All pieces must be able to fit in a six-inch by three-inch box and must be at least 50 percent clay.

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Area Events

After the Sunset



12 *After the Sunset* and *Seed of Chucky* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

Frail and Avarice concert @ 9 p.m.
@ The Green Room.

No Excuses concert @ 9 p.m.
@ R & B Country in Miami.

The Christmas House play
@ 7:30 p.m.
@ The Stained Glass Theatre in Joplin.

13 Glory Days
"Live Music Cafe"
@ 8 p.m.
@ Glory Days Music.

Big Smith concert @ 8:30 p.m.
@ The Blue Note in Columbia.

Emmylou Harris concert @ 8 p.m.
@ Juanita K. Hammons Hall in Springfield.

14 Alter Bridge concert
@ The Pageant in St. Louis.

Last day of
Adolph Dehn exhibit
@ The Springfield Art Museum.

Great Russian Nutcracker
@ Juanita K. Hammons Hall in Springfield.

15 Movie Night @ 7:30 p.m.
@ Dioko Coffee Co.

Karaoke @ 7-11 p.m.
@ J-Town.

16 CAB meeting @ 2 p.m.
@ 2nd floor BSC.

Karaoke @ 7-11 p.m.
@ J-Town Billiards.

Open mic night @ 8-11 p.m.
@ Dioko Coffee Co.

Big Band Ballroom Dancing @ 7 p.m.
@ Royal 66 Theater in Mountain Home, Ark.

17 Campus Crusade for Christ @ 7:30 p.m.
@ The Student Life Center.

TNT @ 7 p.m.
@ The Baptist Student Union.

18 Jazz concert @ 7 p.m.
@ Dioko Coffee Co.

Aaron Myers concert
@ 10 p.m.
@ Champ's Bar & Grill.

Weird News:

Pal shoots out drunk friend's tires

INDIANA — Taking to heart the credo that friends should never let friends drive drunk, a man shot out two tires on his pal's car to keep him from driving under the influence.

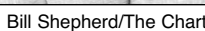
Proving again that no good deed goes unpunished, the move backfired when the incensed driver got out of his car, pulled a knife and attacked his friend. Authorities arrested the driver and plan to press charges against both men.

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Giant chicken robs grocery store

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Culture spread with local cuisine

Makin said Russians are superstitious at the table. For instance, she said a single woman shouldn't sit

"The nature of the traditional Russian table is

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I had to call my mother and let her know the problem. It was 3 a.m. in the morning in the states when I called. Boy, was she mad. She ended up not going to work that day because I

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The Russian Folk Dance and music Ensemble “Barynya” formed in November 1991. The show features 15 various authentic instruments from the former Soviet Union.



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Above, Gene Eggman, freshman business marketing major, was chosen to dance onstage with a member of “Barynya” during the program Oct. 28. Below, three members of “Barynya” perform the sailor’s dance, which was prepared especially for the Oct. 28 show.





Information from staff files.

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Paris, France

Comm 380 (2 hours credit) - International Media Seminar - May 16-27, 2005. Taught in English. Open to Journalism and Communication students with sophomore standing. Students will travel to Paris, France and stay in a hotel on the fashionable Left Bank, while attending classes on the campus of the American University of Paris. Includes tours of TV and radio stations, newspapers, excursions and cultural experiences. Requires several meetings prior to the Intersession, to be announced. Prerequisite: Comm 111 (Newsriting) or permission of instructor. Mrs. Brenda Kilby, Dr. Jay Moorman.

Eng 498 (2 hours credit) - Literary Paris - May 15-27, 2005. Students will meet once weekly during the Spring 2005 semester, as a preparatory orientation for a literary and cultural tour of Paris. Students will spend 10 days in Paris, France during the Spring Intersession. Prerequisite: Eng. 102. Co-requisite: French 100 or previous French language experience as determined by the instructor. Dr. Jude Meche.

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CHI 101 (3 hours credit) - Beginning Chinese I; CHI102 (3 hours credit) - Beginning Chinese II; CHI203 (3 hours credit) - Intermediate Chinese I; CHI204 (3 hours credit) - Intermediate Chinese II; CHI298 (3 hours credit)-Contemporary China; CHI498 (3 hours credit) - Chinese Culture and Civilization. May 18-June 8, 2005. Open to any students who want to take two Chinese language or culture courses and earn 6 hours credit in Chinese. Students will stay in student dorms in Beijing or Qingdao, travel to many historical relics including the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Summer Palace, and terra-cotta warriors in Xi'an, and experience cultural events including Beijing Opera and Hu'tong (traditional alleys). Orientation meetings will be held prior to the departure. No prerequisite is required for the beginning and cultural courses. Mr. Sherman Hou.

Costa Rica

BIO 101 (4 hours credit)/KINE 101 (1 hour credit) Biology and Kinesiology in Costa Rica - May 26 -June 25, 2005. Taught in English. Students spend a month in Costa Rica to satisfy these core requirements in biology and kinesiology. Includes a hike through lowland rain forests and high cloud forests, up volcanoes and along the beaches; also encompasses historical sites and museums. No prerequisites. Dr. Dorothy Bay.

EH 352 (3 hours credit) - International Environmental Health - May 19-30, 2005. (Dates tentative). Prerequisite: Junior or senior standing in the environmental health degree program or approval of instructor. International Environmental Health is an in-depth study of environmental health issues in countries other than the United States. Environmental health issues, which are common to many countries, as well as issues unique to the selected county will be studied. Students will meet one hour per week during the 2005 spring semester and take the trip to Costa Rica during the Intersession. Mr. Michael Kennedy and Mr. Michael Fletcher.

Italy

ACCT 498 - Development of International Commerce and the Accounting Profession in Renaissance Italy. (3 hours credit). May 25-June 5, 2005. Development of International Commerce and the Accounting Profession in Renaissance Italy. (3 hours credit). May 25-June 5, 2005. This course constitutes an examination of the Renaissance development of accounting and commerce. The course will provide an overview of the role Luca Pacioli (1445-1517) and other prominent Renaissance figures played in the development of international business and cultural customs and practices

Other study abroad opportunities to be featured at the fair include:

Oxford and Missouri London Program (Dr. Chad Stebbins); Summer in Sweden with the Art Department (Mr. Nicholas Kyle); ISEP and bilateral exchange agreements (Mrs. Stephanie Goad); bilateral exchange and internship opportunities through the School of Business (Dr. John Lewis); and Chile exchange program (Mrs. Trish Udell). In addition, a representative from the Joplin Post Office will be on hand to issue passports.

that are still used today. By developing a greater understanding and appreciation for the developments in accounting and the other professions during this critical developmental period, the student will enjoy an improved capacity to evaluate and interpret present accounting and business developments in the context of an historical perspective. Dr. Mark Comstock and Dr. Betty Harris.

Mexico

SOC 298/ANTH 298 - Topics: An Introduction to Meso-America Classic Cultures: The Yucatan Maya. May 16-23, 2005. A Cultural Anthropology/Sociology special topic course which will study the classic Meso-America Ancient "high" cultures, specifically the Maya. During a 1,000-year period, these peoples constructed extensive stone structures and communication routes, created an intricate writing system, and forged a loose commonwealth of city states. Student knowledge about their existence will be enhanced by a six-day trip to the Mexican Yucatan area where fieldtrips, lectures, and classes will be conducted at preserved Maya sites. The on-site classes will be conducted by cultural anthropologists whose research/teaching specialty is the classic Maya. Dr. Conrad Gubera and Mr. Sam Clausen.

SPAN 298 - Introduction to Mexican Culture (1 hour credit.) or SPAN 498 - Contemporary Mexican Culture and Civilization (3 hours credit) March 18 - March 27, 2005. Spring break trip to Mexico. Students may enroll in either course, depending upon their previous experience with Spanish. Permission of instructor is required for SPAN 298, but there is no language prerequisite. SPAN 298 students have to attend 5 classes/orientation sessions prior to the trip. After the trip students are required to deliver a presentation and write an essay. SPAN 498 meets three times weekly during the Spring Semester, 2005 with assigned readings and lectures. Taught entirely in Spanish. Ms. Leslie Parker.

India

Summer in India - June 4 - July 17, 2005. (6 credit hours at the University of Hyderabad, transferable to Missouri Southern.) Includes a 2-credit Orientation to Studying in India course taught during Intersession 2005. Coursework at the University of Hyderabad is taught in English by Indian professors. Dr. Gwen Murdock will travel with students to natural and cultural landmarks in Southern India for one week before the coursework begins at the University of Hyderabad and one week in Central India before returning to Joplin. Dr. Gwen Murdock.

Germany, Poland, & Czech Republic

BIO 498 - Problems in Biology Physics 498 /Advanced Topics in Physics/Biology 498; (2 credit hours) - Germany, Poland, and Republic of Czechoslovakia. May 16-30, 2005. Students will take a one-hour class during Spring, 2005. and travel to Eastern Europe during the spring intersession, taking another one-hour class. The course will explore the work of three scientists who made significant contributions in the areas of genetics, microbiology and Earth science - Gregor Mendel (father of genetics), Robert Koch (study of infectious diseases) and Nicolas Copernicus (heliocentric theory of solar system.) Students will travel to Berlin, Germany and from there visit Poland and the Czech Republic. Highlights include museums, castles, traveling through Eastern Europe by rail, and working on research projects. Prerequisites: Bio 101, or Bio 112 or Bio 122, or Physics 100, or Physics 151 or consent of the instructor. Priority will be given to science majors. Dr. Gerald T. Schlink and Dr. Roger D. Chelf.

Czech Republics & Hungary

International Business 498 (3 hours credit) - Prague, Czech Republic and Vienna Austria: Command to Market Economies in Central Europe - May 29-June 8, 2005. (tentative dates). Open to international business, international studies, and other majors where international experience would be appropriate. Students will study the international business environment, business strategy, organizational structure, and management practices of former Eastern Bloc countries since 1989 to membership in the European Union. The trip will consist of classroom, business visits, and cultural experiences. Approximately six days will be spent in Prague and three in Vienna with two days travel time. Mr. J. Chris Moos.

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CENTER:

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during their June visit. The report included different facilities students wanted in the building.

“We want to have an idea of how to scale down the project in order to lower the [financial] requirement of the students,” León said.

Fullerton said he would like to see students pay as small of fee as possible without forfeiting the facilities that most appeal to the students.

Currently, Southern students

do not pay a health fee, a fee charged by many other colleges and universities.

Fullerton said students at Crowder College pay \$60 per semester as a health fee. Students at Southern are free of the extra fee, but enjoy the same health service benefits as CC students. By adding a health fee, students could use the benefits of the rec center and the health center at minimal cost.

As for a projected finishing date, León said that isn't an issue just yet.

“We are not even close to that point right now,” he said. “We are in the investigation stage.”

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Lions' end year with 5-6 overall record

Three athletes finish season setting records

By Jacob W. Brower
Staff Writer

Freshman quarterback Nathan Emert set a MIAA record for most pass completions in a season with 302 during Missouri Southern's loss to Washburn on Nov. 6, while two of his favorite targets — senior wide receiver DeMarcus Mathes and senior tight end Cody Hilburn broke records of their own in the last game of their collegiate careers.

Emert, who already owns 15 Missouri Southern passing records, shattered the conference single-season completions record of 284 set by Truman State's Chris Hegg in 1985. He is also one of only five quarterbacks in MIAA history to pass for over 3,000 yards in a season (3,406).

"Nathan has had a great season," Southern head coach John Ware said. "You can't say enough about his leadership. He has the perfect personality for a quarterback. He makes a mistake and he forgets about it. The best quarterbacks are the ones that have short memories and I believe he can be a great quarterback for us."

With three seasons ahead of him, Emert said he looks forward to improving his game next year.

"I've got to eliminate turnovers, which is what I'm going to focus on in the off-season," said Emert, who finished the season with 24 touchdown passes and 17 interceptions. "As a team, we can do some good down the road but there's still a lot of work to do."

Emert this year set new school passing records in 15 categories, among which are most passing yards in a season and most pass completions in a season. He is also third in school history in career pass completions and fifth in career passing yards. Mathes beat Rod Smith's 1993 record of 68 receptions in a season with 69 catches on the year. He is also third in school history for most receiving yards in a season with 1,038. "It feels great to get the record," Mathes said. "We wanted the win (against Washburn), but to go out with my last catch breaking Rod Smith's record, that feels good."

Hilburn broke two single-game records for most touchdown catches by a tight end (2) and most catches in a game by a tight end (8).

"I'd much rather have the win, but we've made some progress this year," Hilburn said. "This program is on the rise and I hope they have a lot of success down the road."

Ware said the team would miss the leadership of Mathes and Hilburn.

"DeMarcus has been a tremendous athlete for us this year and Cody Hilburn is one of the best kids I've ever been around," he said. "We'll have some other guys that will come on and try to fill their shoes, but they'll be missed."

Other Lions who were named all-conference honorable mention include sophomore running back Wentric Williams, freshman tackle Matt Stout, sophomore defensive end Elbert Johnson, junior linebacker Atiba Bradley and senior cornerback Robert Spinks.



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Senior tight end Cody Hilburn leaps over a Washburn defender during the final home game of the season for the Lions Nov. 6 at Fred Hughes Stadium.



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Wide receiver Colin Bado caught two passes for 14 yards against WU.

Football team shows some improvement despite loss

By Jacob W. Brower
Staff Writer

A winning season will have to wait for Missouri Southern, after the team lost its final game of the season to Washburn University 58-43 on Nov. 6.

Southern finished the season 5-6 overall and 4-5 in the MIAA. The win by WU (7-4, 6-3) earned the team a spot in the Mineral Water Bowl, a postseason game that Southern had been in contention for until ending the season with two straight losses to WU and Emporia State University.

Southern head coach John Ware said the team's four turnovers and failure to force a WU turnover is what tipped the scales in the Ichabods' direction.

"Those turnovers changed the momentum of the game," Ware said. "That was a valuable lesson and, hopefully, it will pay dividends down the road."

The teams' combined 101 points was a Southern school record. Despite the turnovers, the Southern offense once again put up big numbers, rolling up 529 total yards to Washburn's 490.

Quarterback Nathan Emert completed 30 of 49 passes for 404 yards,

three touchdowns and two interceptions, adding 25 rushing yards and a rushing touchdown, while tight end Cody Hilburn, competing in his last collegiate game, caught eight passes for 106 yards and two scores.

Senior running back Nate Proctor led the Lions ground attack with 58 yards on nine carries.

Procter also had two catches for 36 yards.

Sophomore running back Wentric Williams gathered 43 yards on 17 carries.

Other Lions with touches include senior wide receiver Craig Winfrey (seven catches for 84 yards), senior wideout DeMarcus Mathes (five for 118), receiver Dustin Bromley (four for 42 and a touchdown), wideout Colin Bado (two for 14 and one 5-yard run) and receiver Tedaryl Mason (one 5-yard catch and one four-yard run).

Free safety Blake Martin led the defense with 12 tackles, 2-1/2 of which was for a loss.

Linebacker Atiba Bradley had nine tackles, including one for a loss. Linebacker T.M. Bryant, defensive tackle Kyle Mayden, defensive end Lucas Williamson and linebacker Jerrod Murphy each had one tackle for a loss.

PROPOSAL:

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"Yes."

Hand-in-hand, they ran off the field to be congratulated by family and friends.

Even though everything went smoothly, Caleb, sophomore business management major, was still nervous before he proposed. In fact, so was his mother, Glenda Head. She said she was both happy and scared before he asked the big question. The advice she gave him before he proposed was to "calm down."

Caleb had been planning the special halftime proposal ever since he came up with the idea two and a half months ago.

"I wanted something different, something that friends and family could see," he said. "I wanted it to be special for everyone and special for us."

However, Caleb said the details weren't easy to arrange. First, he had to find out if it was even going to be possible for the proposal to fit in amidst all the performances at halftime.

Caleb found Kevin Greim, sports marketing director, and talked to him about the idea.

Caleb said he is very thankful for Greim and all the hard work Greim put

into the details of the proposal.

"It wouldn't have been possible without him," Caleb said.

Caleb and Stephanie have been together for nine months; they originally met through friends two and a half years ago. They knew in May they were right for each other.

Stephanie said she knew he was going to propose soon, but she didn't know when.

He surprised her recently with a chicken dinner served by candlelight. With jazz playing softly in the background, he served their meal and told her to close her eyes because he had a surprise for her.

When Stephanie opened her eyes, she saw Caleb on one knee. From behind his back he brought out a cake and instead of proposing, asked her what she wanted for Christmas.

Caleb said he wanted to scare her to see if she'd think he was going to do something else.

Regardless of all the work, he was dedicated to making sure everything was in place for the proposal to go smoothly. Caleb said he'd do it "over and over again."

"It's like what Jimmy Stewart said. 'If I could lasso the moon I would,'" Caleb said. "If I couldn't, I'd at least try."

SMOKING:

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It's not like it's late-breaking news."

Even though Vladimirova doesn't smoke anymore, she thinks it is hypocritical for Americans who don't take care of their bodies to judge smokers for their habit.

"Why do you eat fast food?" Vladimirova said. "It's not good for you, but you still do it. Obesity is a bigger problem in America than smoking."

The Center for Disease Control names tobacco as the leading preventable cause of death in the United States and an estimated 6.4 million children living today will die prematurely because of a decision they will make as adolescents to smoke cigarettes.

But for most smokers the reasons for continuing remain the same.

"Anymore it's just habitual," Coble said.

"Before I eat; after I eat; when I wake up. When something becomes habitual, it becomes very hard to determine why you do it."

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determined to some degree by the Russian stove, the center of the Russian peasant house, where all cooking is done," she said.

Russians stand around the stove, drinking, talking, discussing opinions and reading poetry, she said. It's the most comfortable area in the house.

"And no Russian imagines a meal without a steaming bowl of soup," she said. "Be it borshch, shchi, ukha or a simple but rich pokhlyobka."

A typical Russian meal lasts three to eight hours. If someone attends a

Russian feast, Makin said, be prepared to arrive at three in the afternoon and not leave until two in the morning. Many times guests spend the night. By that time, "public transportation is not operating and neither are your legs," she said.

Vodka, cognac (for the women and timid drinker) and wine are staples in Russian meals as well. Tea is served after the meal with cakes, pies, breads and chocolates. After tea, more alcoholic drinks are handed out and conversations continue.

Makin warned that before going to Russia, foreigners shouldn't eat for a few days. Russians don't hold back on giving food to guests.



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Freshman forward Lauren Kurelac wins the ball from her opponent during the first half of the Nov. 7 game against Central Missouri State University. The Lions won the final game of the season 2-0.



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Senior forward Tera Reisner passes to a teammate during the first half of the CMSU game. The game was Reisner's last appearance in a Missouri Southern uniform.

Team finishes strong

By T.J. Gerlach
Editor-in-Chief

Approximately 200 spectators saw three seniors finish their college careers with a win. Tera Reisner, forward; Sarah Sneed and Elisa Bryant, both midfielders, played their final game for the Lions Nov. 7 at Hughes Stadium.

Trevor Wachsman, head women's soccer coach, said the turf made the pace of the game faster.

However, the Lions did win the match 2-0 over Central Missouri State University and former Lions' head soccer coach Geoff VanDeusen.

"It's a great way to go out," Sneed said.

"It's a good way to end the season and my career," Bryant said. "We beat a really good rival along with our old coach."

Wachsman said he does not believe the team played its best game, "but we got the job done."

Reisner and Sneed agreed the game was not one of the team's best.

"I think we were a little tired," Sneed said. "We gutted it out and got a win."

Sneed earned the assist on the Lions' first

"It's a good way to end the season and my career."

Elisa Bryant
Senior Midfielder

goal, scored by freshman midfielder Erin Gfeller in the 71st minute of the match.

Lauren Kurelac, freshman forward, scored the Lions' second goal in the 89th minute, unassisted.

The Lions had to travel to Kansas City Nov. 5 to play Rockhurst University. Bodon Field was in poor condition after last week's rain, prompting the location change for both matches.

Missouri Southern and RU played a full 120 minutes, leaving the game in a 0-0 tie.

Reisner led the team in shots with four placing two on frame, and Gfeller had three shots also having two on goal.

Alese Woolard, junior goalkeeper, earned five saves against RU and two against CMSU.

For her two shutouts, Woolard was named the Wilson/MIAA Goalkeeper of the Week on Nov. 9.

Southern also played Oct. 30 at home against Southwest Baptist University. SBU defeated the Lions 2-1.

The Lions' Jessica Buhman, sophomore midfielder/defender, scored the Lions' only goal in the 65th minute, tying the game after SBU scored in the third minute. SBU pulled ahead again in the 73rd minute and retained the lead.

Wachsman said the CMSU game was important to the team in terms of standings.

"It was a very good season for us," he said.

The Lions ended the season with a 10-8-2 record overall, and 8-5-1 in the MIAA. They finished tied for third with Emporia State University in MIAA standings.

Sneed said she is really proud of all the women on the team.

Reisner also praised the team.

"[They are] a great group of kids," she said. "They have a lot to look forward to."

Wachsman praised the three seniors.

"We're going to miss them all very much," he said.



Andy Tevis/The Chart

Sarah Hoffmeister serves during the Nov. 2 game at PSU. Missouri Southern finished the season with a 14-18 record.



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Sara Jaynes, left, and Ashley Wright defend against Pittsburg State University during the Nov. 2 game. The ladies were defeated 3-0.

Volleyball Lions complete season

From Staff Reports

After an up-and-down season, the Lions' volleyball team posted a loss to Washburn University in the first round of the MIAA postseason tournament. The 3-1 loss puts the Lions to a 14-18 record on the '04 season, 6-10 in the MIAA, giving them a 6th place ranking in the conference.

Senior Jackie Gallagher led the Lions in kills with 551, averaging more than 4 kills per game. Gallagher posted 52 attacks and 22 kills in her

last game wearing a Lions jersey.

Senior Sarah Jaynes posted 9 kills in her final game as a Lion.

Sophomores Ashley Mehrer and Sarah Hoffmeister finished with 12 and 9 kills respectively.

Junior Denise Lancaster finished the night with 55 assists.

The top three teams in the MIAA, Truman State University, Central State University and Washburn University, are all nationally ranked.

TSU is ranked third in the nation, and CMSU is ranked 10th.

Men's soccer team ties last game after dropping one, 3-0

From Staff Reports

The Missouri Southern men's soccer team finished its season Oct. 29 and 31.

Oct. 29 the men traveled to Springfield because Bodon Field was in poor condition after heavy rains. They lost to Midwestern (Texas) State University 3-0.

The Lions returned to Joplin Oct. 31 to play St. Edward's University. The game ended in a 0-0 tie.

J.P. West, junior midfielder, led the team with three goals this season, followed by Seamus O'Donnell, senior forward, who had two goals.

Sophomore goalkeeper Travis Haight played all 1756:57 minutes of the season, earning 162 saves.

Adam Skiermont, senior forward, played his final game for Southern against SEU.

West and Tyler Witte, sophomore defender, captured academic honors from the Southwest Soccer Conference.

Haight and Blake Wright, freshman defender, were named to the second team of the All-SSC. West earned an honorable mention selection.

NCAA

Division II South Central Regional



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Freshman Abbey Adams runs toward the finish line in the last leg of the race.



Freshman Kelly O'Toole keeps a steady pace during the NCAA Division II South Central Regional meet held Nov. 6 at Missouri Southern's cross country course.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Men earn spot in national meet, women place fifth in regionals

By T.J. Gerlach
Editor-in-Chief

"I feel they finally ran a race," said Tom Rutledge, head men's cross country coach.

The men's team placed third in the NCAA Division II South Central Regional Cross Country meet held on Nov. 6 at Missouri Southern's cross country course. The Lions' third-place finish qualifies them for the national meet.

Abilene Christian University won first place with a perfect score of 15, having runners finish first through fifth.

"They just have too much power and too much speed," Rutledge said.

He said ABU is ranked No. 2 in the nation.

Central Missouri Southern State University finished in second place.

Southern's Craig Rhoads, senior, finished in sixth with a time of 31:53.00. Paul Koehler, senior, finished behind Rhoads with a time of 32:03.10.

Lucas Plocher, junior, finished 23rd overall in 33:02.20.

Rutledge said the men had to beat some teams who had already beaten them.

"I knew we had a good one-two punch with Craig Rhoads and Paul Koehler," he said.

Rhoads said the team's performance was a big improvement over its performance at the conference meet.

"Everybody thought that we couldn't do it [qualify for nationals]," he said. "It proves if we can run as a team we can prove to everybody what we can do."

Both Rutledge and Rhoads said the younger men on the team really stepped up.

"They grew up a lot in two weeks," Rutledge said. "Having the freshmen step up like they did is good to see."

"I'm proud of all the younger guys," Rhoads said. "They really stepped up. They really came through for me and Paul."

The Lions will compete for the national title Nov. 20 in Evansville, Ind.

"We're still dancing," Rutledge said. "Our season's not over."

The women's cross country team also competed in the regional meet. The women finished fifth overall.

Individually, Megan Russell finished fifth overall with a time of 22:09.10. Her top-five finish qualified her for the national meet Nov. 20.

Patty Vavra, head women's cross country coach, said she is excited for Russell. She said she was somewhat disappointed in the rest of the team.

"There was a point in the season where we really felt like we were moving in the right direction right before the conference meet," Vavra said.

She said an injury to a key runner depleted some of the team's opportunities for the season.

"All-in-all, we ran as strong as we could," Vavra said. "I felt like as we look back at the season our top three people, in Megan Russell, Ashley Caffey, Erin Click, they had an outstanding year. Unfortunately, like happens from time to time, an injury at the wrong time to a key person can make a big difference to how the team finishes."

Caffey was Southern's second runner in 12th overall with a time of 22:52.40. Click finished right behind Caffey in 13th with a time of 22:52.70.

"I think we ran well together as a team," Click said.

Vavra said she knows Russell will represent Southern well at the national meet.

"She's had a great year and deserves to go," Vavra said. "I would have really liked to see the other senior, Ashley Caffey, make it to the meet."

She also said Click has had a great year and deserved to go to the national meet.

"I think all of our hard work has paid off," Click said.

Vavra said this has been somewhat of a "bittersweet" season for the women.

"And definitely you can't fault this group of young ladies for the effort they've put forth all year," Vavra said. "They're very disappointed, but we'll pick ourselves up and move forward into the indoor season."

Junior Megan Russell, top Missouri Southern finisher in the women's division, finished fifth overall. Russell earned a spot in the national meet by finishing in the top five.

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Senior Craig Rhoads works to earn his sixth place spot during the Nov. 6 regional cross country championships held at Southern. Rhoads was Southern's top finisher in the men's 10K race.



Andy Tevis/The Chart

With a bang, the men's cross country race begins, and Southern moves up to take a spot.